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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Michael R. Lax et al.
Application No. : 10/723,911 Confirmation No. : 9812
Filed : November 24, 2003
For : LOCKABLE CONTAINER HAVING AN INTEGRAL AND
INTERNAL LOCKING MECHANISM AND METHODS OF
USE
Group Art Unit : 3676
Examiner : Christopher J. Boswell

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: [] a Preliminary Amendment;
[X] a Reply to Office Action; [] a Supplemental Amendment;
[] a substitute Specification; [] a Declaration.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

[X] A fee for additional claims is not required.

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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADD'L FEES
Total Claims	120	*130	0	X \$ 50 =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	19	**20	0	X \$200 =	\$ 0.00
First Presentation of a Multiple Dependent Claim				+ \$360 =	\$ 0.00
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[X] The following extension is applicable to the Reply filed herewith; [X] \$120.00 extension fee for response within first month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a);

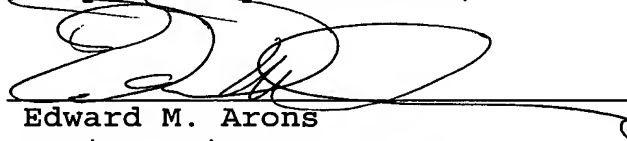
☐ \$450.00 extension fee for response within second month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); ☐ \$1020.00 extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); ☐ \$1590.00 extension fee for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a); ☐ \$2160.00 extension fee for response within fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 5, 2005,
which did not address the merits of the above-identified
patent application, but set forth a restriction requirement
under 35 U.S.C. § 121 requiring applicants to make an
election of the invention to be examined, applicants hereby
elect claims 1-96 and 107-130 (identified, in the aggregate,
by the Examiner as invention I) for prosecution in the above-
identified patent application.

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Applicants hereby expressly reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims in one or more divisional applications. A prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward M. Arons', is written over a horizontal line.

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